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First Joshua Tree planning workshop a success

JOSHUA TREE – More than 100 people turned out for a lively discussion about the future of Joshua Tree at a special planning workshop held Sept. 19 by the County’s Land Use Services Department.

Residents and stakeholders discussed a number of topics including transportation, pollution, desert views, a plan for the downtown corridor, stoplights, tourism and maintaining the unique characteristics of Joshua Tree.

Many of the speakers at the meeting discussed economic development, including what kind of businesses Joshua Tree should welcome or exclude such as mom and pop stores or big box retail. Maintaining wildlife corridors, deciding what kind of solar projects to allow and the design standards for new businesses were also issues of concern.

The citizens of Joshua Tree will have more opportunities to provide input about their community when the County’s Land Use Services Department holds additional workshops to discuss updating Joshua Tree’s Community Plan.

“The County is committed to working with citizens as it moves toward development of a community plan in the coming months,” said Tom Hudson, director of Land Use Services, who moderated the Sept. 19 workshop. “We value the discussion and the input we received from people who attended.”

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The County is responsible for updating the Community Plans of its unincorporated areas in order to develop standards and guidelines for its General Plan. Citizens are encouraged to participate and bring their ideas and concerns about their community.

Future workshop dates, times and locations will be announced soon.